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**Final Research Project: Annotated Bibliography**

WHS Research Standard, Indicator B:

1. Students will gather information from diverse sources and evaluate the relevance, validity and potential biases of the sources.

To meet this part of the research standard, you will complete an annotated bibliography for a minimum of three sources.

An annotated bibliography is a bibliography with a short summary of the article or book. It is particularly helpful as a means of assessing relevance of the article or book. Each selection in an annotated bibliography is called an “annotation.”

**The Task:** For this task you will write three annotations. Each annotation will include a citation and two paragraphs.

1. Begin with an MLA-style citation. You should use a citation maker like [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com) or the [Purdue Online Writing Lab](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/) to help you with this.
2. The first paragraph will briefly describe the source itself. It should answer questions like:
   1. Who (or what organization) is the author of this source? What do you know about the author?
   2. Is this source reliable? How do you know?
   3. Are there signs of potential bias in this source? Does it take a particular position on topic?
3. The second paragraph of each annotation should describe how the source is of use to you in your research process. What questions about your topic is it helping you answer? What important information about your topic have you found?

**What kinds of sources should you use?**

The research standard says “diverse” sources. Here’s how I think we should interpret that word for this project:

* At least one print source (a.k.a. a book or magazine)
* At least one academic source – this should be something that comes from an expert in the field, not from a commercial website. You can access academic journal articles through the library databases. This may be the same as your print source if the book/magazine meets this standard.
* Minimum of three sources total
* All sources that you use for your research must be cited in an MLA-style bibliography. I recommend creating a bibliography document on your laptops as soon as you start, and just keep adding to it as you go.